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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE:

S.R. No. 35

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Honorable Colleen Hanabusa President of the Senate Twenty-Fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2010 State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Human Services and Public Safety and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.R. No. 35 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION TO INCARCERATED PARENTS TO ENSURE CHILD SUPPORT ISSUES ARE ADDRESSED WITHOUT DELAY AND UPON RELEASE, TO PREPARE THEM FOR REINTEGRATION WITH THEIR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, INCLUDING GRANDPARENTS WHO HAVE RAISED THEIR CHILDREN,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide education and information to incarcerated parents regarding their child support obligations upon intake and preparation for the least disruptive ways to reconnect with their children upon release.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Community Alliance on Prisons and the Hawaii Youth Services Network. Testimony in opposition to this measure was submitted by the Department of Public Safety. Written testimony presented to the Committees may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committees find that the focus of correctional centers has shifted in the past several years to rehabilitation as opposed to mere confinement, and that it is important for those being released back into the community to be well-prepared and knowledgeable about how to best reintegrate. Your Committees also find that the children of those incarcerated often have a lot of the problems related to the incarceration and that often times upon release, incarcerated parents have difficulty reconnecting

with their children. Your Committees further find that despite the economic climate that has forced the elimination of certain programs within correctional centers under the Department of Public Safety's purview, education and information should still be provided to parents upon intake and release.

Your Committees have amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive stylistic changes for clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Public Safety and Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 35, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 35, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Human Services and Public Safety and Military Affairs,

WILL ESPERO, Chair

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The Senate Twenty-Fifth Legislature State of Hawaii

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